

An Act to provide for the Election of the Mayors of
Towns and Cities in Upper Canada, by the Municipal
Electors thereof generally.

WHEREAS the present mode of electing the Mayors of the several incorporated Towns and Cities in Upper Canada has been productive of corrupt practices, and consequent injustice to the inhabitants of the said Towns and Cities, and it is therefore expedient to change the mode of electing in such cases; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

That after the first day of January, 1854, neither the Councillors elected for any incorporated Town, nor the Councillors or Aldermen elected for any Cities, shall elect the Mayor thereof.

Councillors
not to elect
Mayor.

10 II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the duly qualified Municipal Electors of each Ward within every incorporated Town or City in Upper Canada, to record their votes for a Mayor at the time and place at which they record their votes for the Municipal Councillors thereof.

Mayor to be
elected by the
Municipal
Electors.

15 III. And be it enacted, That the Returning Officer or his Poll Clerk for each Ward in any Town or City in Upper Canada, shall keep a separate column or columns in the Poll Book, for recording the votes of the Electors aforesaid in behalf of any person or persons who may be duly qualified, and who may be Candidates for
20 such Mayoralty.

Additional col-
umn in Poll
Book.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the City or Town Clerk for the time being, to add up the number of votes so recorded for the different Candidates for Mayor, which he shall have received from the several Returning Officers of the Wards in
25 such Town or City, and that the Candidate who shall have had recorded on his behalf the greatest number of votes, shall, by the said City or Town Clerk, be declared to be, and shall be, the Mayor for the ensuing year, and shall have all the rights and powers and duties now vested in or imposed upon Mayors of
30 Towns or Cities respectively in Upper Canada.

How the result
of the Election
shall be ascer-
tained and de-
clared.